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**Subject:** MicrosoftSettlement-dont sell out

I dont run window, yet every laptop i have ever bought required me to pay the microsoft tax. No refund available nor do we have a choice in the matter, absolutely criminal behavior

they embrace a standard, extend it, and destroy it.

If microsoft had been around when darpa was funding the building of the internet, nothing would work because of what they do to standards. this alone is almost criminal behavior.

If you bought a new stereo for your car and sold the car the new owner would have full rights to do whatever he wanted with it.

with microsoft many people are forced by buy a duplicate license.

cant do office upgrades without having the disks at hand, cant update the OS unless your using Internet Exploder, once its damaged you cant update your system any longer. They care more about profits than quality, they sell software that out of the box requires almost 50 meg of updates. again, criminal behavior, intentionally selling known defective goods.

bust them up or open up the source code to the OS, its the only way to to level the playing field. they SHOULD definetly be required to build/license/ or port Office to other OS's suchs as Linux and Solaris.

Dont you dare sell out the public and settle by letting Microsoft "give away their crappy software" to poor schools. require them to provide the funds for the schools to chose how they spend the money/ Schools and students shouldnt have to pay for software at all, it should be completely free to every school if they should want to run it.

they sell windows 2000 professional for \$300, yet it costs them mere dollars to pacakge, probably less than 10 bucks.

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Dont sell us out!!!!

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